[President.]

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 5,600 under Demand IV—Forests—was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XI—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: I move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 1,000 under Demand XI—General Administration—19—G—Public Service Recruitment.

A sum of Rs. 600 was provided under Anchal Charges in the budget of the Public Service Commission Department for 1119. But an expenditure of nearly Rs. 1,000 had to be incurred up to date due to the fact that a special examination was held this year for the recruitment of clerks and clerk-typists. The Public Service Commissioner has asked for the enhancement of the provision under the head for the expenditure mentioned above and also for the conduct of the T. C. S. examination which will be held in the course of the year.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 1,000 under Demand XI—General Administration—19—G—Public Service Recruitment, was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XIV—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Sir, I move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 600 under Budget Head XIV—Administration of Justice.

The District Munsiff's Court at Krishnapuram was abolished in 1115 as there was not sufficient work for a Munsiff's Court at that station and the pakuthies within its jurisdiction were transferred to the jurisdiction of the District Munsiffs' Courts at Mavelikara, Haripad and Karunagapally. Since then certain representations have been received from the inhabitants of Kayamkulam for the re-establishment of the Court which was abolished in 1115. The High Court has reported that on 1-1-1119 the pendency of cases in the two Munsiffs' Courts now working at Mavelikara was about 1089 and that one of the courts at Mavelikara may temporarily be shifted to Kayamkulam to be known as the Krishnapuram Temporary Munsiff's Court. This Court will have a file of nearly 561 suits. The proposal has been placed before the Finance Committee and the Committee was of the view that the matter might be placed before the House for decision.

SADASYATILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI: May I know from the honourable Member what was the number of cases in the Krishnapuram Munsiff's Court when it was abolished?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: I find from the Report of the High Court received at the time it was abolished, that it was nearly 500 cases. It was not considered to be sufficient work for the Court because of the existence of two or three courts in the vicinity.

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MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know the number of cases that may come up before the Court now?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: More or less 560.

SADASYATILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI: May I know the place where it is going to be established, Kayamkulam or Krishnapuram?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The court is to be called the temporary court at Krishnapuram but is to be located at Kayamkulam.

SADASYATILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI: I remember an expression, Sir, when Voltaire spoke of the 'Holy Roman Empire'. He said it was neither Holy, nor Roman, nor Empire. Now there is a court which is to be called the Krishnapuram Court but which is to be located at Kayamkulam.

But I know, so far as this question is concerned, that we have to go a little deeper into it. There was a Munsiff's Court in existence at Krishnapuram. I have seen that myself.

A committee was appointed to consider the question of Law's delays in which my friend Mr. Parameswaran Pillai was also concerned. We had also, Sir, a Commissioner of Law's Delays, a gentleman of very great experience, one who would not swerve from his duty, Mr. G. Sankara Pillai, and to assist him was a very energetic, intelligent gentleman who is representing Government on the other side, the Chief Secretary.....

PRESIDENT: The matter is not a really fundamental one, nor does Government wish to have any more than a formal opinion of the House whether they want the court there or not.

SADASYATILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI: What is the meaning of shifting courts in this irresponsible fashion? Simply because the number of cases is 500, the Commissioner recommends to the Government to abolish the court. Now that there has been a considerable increase of cases of 61, they are going to re-establish it. I have absolutely no objection to having a Court either at Kayamkulam or at Krishnapuram. What I am objecting to is the meaningless fashion of shifting courts. Give them a court by all means. But I am opposing this principle, because people should not shilly-shally these matters.

PRESIDENT: Honourable members should realise that Government have no particular views on the matter. This is largely a matter for the locality concerned, whether they want a court there or not. The High Court, a very responsible body, has made the recommendation. The House may either accept the recommendation or not. It is not a matter of fundamental importance.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 600 under Demand XIV Administration of Justice was put and carried.

The grant was made.

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